

F/T: 5492M, 3648W
 P/T: 467M, 335W
 Grad: 1053M, 668W
 Year: same, as
 Appl: Aug. 1
 3034 applied
 ACT (mean): 21

Faculty: 824; I, --\$
 Ph.D.'s: 75%
 S/F Ratio: 11 to 1
 Tuition: \$1492 (\$2674)
 R and B: \$2060
 2142 accepted 1623 enrolled
VERY COMPETITIVE

Mississippi State University, founded in 1878, is a state-controlled institution and land-grant college with 9 undergraduate schools and colleges. The library houses more than 1 million volumes and subscribes to 7334 periodicals and newspapers. A Learning Resource Center is also available.

Environment: The 4200-acre campus includes farms, pastures, and woodlands used by the Experiment Station. The campus proper is 700 acres. The surrounding environment is rural. Seventeen residence halls and three apartment complexes accommodate 2586 men and 2552 women. Montgomery Hall is listed in the National Register of Historical Buildings. The university also sponsors fraternity houses, sorority houses, on-campus apartments, and married student housing.

Student Life: In a recent year, about 90% of the students came from Mississippi and 8% from other states. Forty-three percent resided on campus. About 13% of the students were minority-group members. The freshman dropout rate is 25%. Campus housing is single-sex; there are no visiting privileges. Students may keep cars on campus.

Organizations: Sixteen percent of the men and 21% of the women belong to the 21 fraternities and 12 sororities; members live in fraternity houses. Extracurricular activities include numerous religious clubs, student government, publications, lectures, and concerts.

Sports: The university fields 7 intercollegiate teams for men and 4 for women. There are 12 intramural sports for men and 10 for women.

Handicapped: Most of the campus is accessible to handicapped students. Special facilities are available in all buildings constructed after 1972 and include wheelchair ramps, parking areas, lowered drinking fountains and telephones, and specially equipped rest rooms. Special class scheduling is also possible. For students with visual impairments there is a visual aid room. An interpreter and amplification services are provided for students with hearing impairments. There are 2 special counselors.

Services: Students receive free psychological counseling, health care, and tutoring. Remedial instruction in reading, writing, and math, and day-care services are available for a fee.

Programs of Study: The university confers the B.A., B.B.A., B.Arch., B.L.A., B.Mus.Ed., B.P.A., B.S., and Bachelor of Surveying degrees. Master's and doctoral degrees are also awarded. Among the 81 majors leading to bachelor's degrees are the following: BUSINESS (accounting, business, business economics, business education, business statistics, finance, management, marketing, real estate/insurance, secretarial studies, transportation), EDUCATION (agricultural, educational psychology, elementary, secondary, health/physical, industrial, special, vocational/technical), ENGLISH (English), FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS (art, art education, music, music education), HEALTH SCIENCES (medical technology), LANGUAGES (foreign languages), MATH AND SCIENCES (biochemistry, botany, chemistry, entomology, geology, mathematics, microbiology, physics, plant pathology, zoology), PREPROFESSIONAL (agriculture, architecture, engineering—agricultural, engineering—biomedical, engineering—chemical, engineering—civil, engineering—electrical, engineering—industrial, engineering—mechanical, engineering—nuclear, engineering—petroleum), PHILOSOPHY (philosophy), SOCIAL SCIENCES (anthropology, economics, geography, government/political science, history, psychology, sociology).

Required: Freshman English and a computer course are required of all students.

Special: A cooperative program enables students to spend alternate semesters in industry. Students from certain other southern states may take certain programs while paying in-state tuition rates. Nondegree study is available.

Honors: The university offers an honors program with courses in 19 departments.

Admissions: About 71% of those who applied were accepted for the 1985-86 freshman class. The ACT scores of those who enrolled were as follows: 39% below 20, 26% between 20 and 23, 13% between 24 and 25, 16% between 26 and 28, and 6% above 28. There is a special admissions quota for students with ACT scores of less than 15. For regular admission, students must graduate from an approved secondary school with 15 Carnegie units. Nonresidents with combined SAT scores of 720 are accepted.

Procedure: The ACT is required. Application deadlines are August 1 (fall), December 16 (spring), and May 9 (summer). Freshmen are admitted to all terms. A rolling admissions plan is used. There is no application fee.

Special: AP and CLEP credit is available.

Transfer: For a recent year, 1425 students applied for transfer, 991 were accepted, and 958 enrolled. A C average is required. D grades transfer. Thirty-two semester hours in junior-senior level courses must be taken in residence. Application deadlines are 20 days prior to the beginning of the semester.

Visiting: Seven orientation sessions are scheduled for June. Informal weekday visits are possible. Visitors may sit in on classes and stay overnight at the school. Arrangements can be made through the Director/School College Relations, Drawer NN.

Financial Aid: In a recent year, 60% of the students received financial aid; 10% of the students worked part-time on campus. A fund of \$90,000 provides scholarship aid for freshmen in amounts ranging from \$200 to \$1000. In a recent year, the average award to freshmen from all sources was \$1160. Loans are available from the federal government, local banks, the university, and private sources. Depending on need, students may receive \$200 to \$1000 in loans, in addition to CWS. The university is a member of CSS; the FAF or FFS must be filed. Tuition may be paid in installments. The application deadline is April 1.

Foreign Students: There are 268 students from foreign countries enrolled.

Admissions: Foreign students must achieve a minimum TOEFL score of between 475 and 525, depending on the discipline they wish to enter; in addition, beginning freshmen must achieve a minimum score of 525 on the TOEFL, 20 on the ACT, or 870 (composite) on the SAT.

Procedure: Application deadlines are April (fall), September (spring), and March (summer). Foreign students must present proof of health as well as proof of funds adequate to cover 1 year of study. They must also carry health insurance, which is available through the university for a fee.

Computers: The university's main computer is a UNIVAC 1100/80. Languages include FORTRAN, COBOL, RPG, and Pascal. Several software packages are available. Microcomputers are also available throughout the campus.

Use: All computer equipment is available for student use with time restrictions.

Services: The college offers technical consulting services as well as noncredit seminars in the use of computer equipment.

Requirements: Veterinary science students are required to own their own Apple microcomputers.

Admissions Contact: Jerry Inmon, Director of Admissions.